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SUBJECT:ATOMIC ENERGY PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEWS

1. ERDA PROPOSING SENDING TEAM TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS
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WITH APPROPRIATE NATIONAL OFFICIALS AND CONDUCT ON-SITE
VISITS TO SELECTED SITES PURSUANT TO US POLICY RE
PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR
MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS ARE
TO FURTHER BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF SECURITY ARRANGE-
MENTS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN US
EXPERTS AND THEIR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS.

2. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, ERDA TEAMS VISITED POSTS (EXCEPT FOR KUALA LUMPUR) AND CONDUCTED REVIEW IN 1975 AND 1976. PURPOSES OF PROPOSED TRIP HEREIN ARE:

--FOR BANGKOK - TO ASSESS UPGRADING PROGRAM, STATUS OF
----WHICH WAS REPORTED BY EMBASSY IN BANGKOK 19725 AND
----AND 34361. AS EMBASSY AWARE, EXPORT LICENSE FOR
----19.6 KGS OF URANIUM FOR RECENTLY APPROVED TRIGA MARK
----III RESEARCH REACTOR UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY USG.

---APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF REACTOR GIVEN IN RECOGNITION OF THE INITIATION OF THE UPGRADING PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL SECURITY. AT THAT TIME, APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSE FOR FUEL WAS DEFERRED UNTIL UPGRADING PROGRAM WAS COMPLETED AND ANOTHER ERDA TEAM VISITED AND CONFIRMED FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UPGRADED PROGRAMS.

FOR TOKYO: FRUITFUL VISITS BY USG TEAMS TO JAPAN AND A RECIPROCAL VISIT BY A JAPANESE DELEGATION TO THE U.S. HELD. ERDA TEAM WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BEING IN AREA TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ EXPERTS AND TO VISIT A POWER REACTOR SITE NEARBY AND THE FUEL FABRICATION PLANT IN OSAKA.

FOR SEOUL: MUTUAL EXCHANGES AND DISCUSSIONS WITH ROK EXPERTS HAVE RESULTED IN AN INVITATION TO ERDA TO REVISIT KOREA AND TOUR POWER REACTOR SITES IN THE PUSAN AREA. TEAM DESIRES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRIP TO CONDUCT SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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TOUR AND TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH ROK OFFICIALS. TEAM CONSIDERS EMBASSY BRIEFING TO BE OPTIONAL.

FOR KUALA LUMPUR: TEAM DESIRES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRIP TO DISCUSS AND VISIT SITE REPROPOSED EXPORT OF RESEARCH REACTOR AND ASSOCIATED FUEL FOR TUN ISMAIL ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER AT SUNGEI BULOH ESTATE, SELANGOR, APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES FROM KUALA LUMPUR.

IN SETTING UP ARRANGEMENTS WITH G M, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT VISIT OF TEAM SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS INDICATION OF NEAR-TERM U.S. CONSIDERATION OF EXPORT OF RESEARCH REACTOR AND FUEL. THESE STEPS CAN BE TAKEN ONLY FOLLOWING NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION OR WORKING OUT OF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH IAEA. AT PRESENT, BOTH OF THESE POSSIBILITIES ARE IN ABEYANCE PENDING PASSAGE BY U.S. CONGRESS OF NEW NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. HOWEVER, SINCE U.S. PHYSICAL REVIEW TEAM IS IN GENERAL AREA AND IN VIEW ANTICIPATED

BENEFITS TO BOTH PARTIES OF EARLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PHYSICAL SECURITY AT THE TUN ISMAIL CENTER, U.S. IS PRO-POSING VISIT AT THIS TIME.

3. PROPOSED TEAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BRIEFING EMBASSY STAFF AND AMBASSADOR RE POLICY BACKGROUND AND TEAM OBJECTIVES; AND VISITS TO FACILITIES EMBASSY OR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DEEM APPROPRIATE.

4. ERDA TEAM WILL COMPRISE OF MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY EXPERTS FROM THE DIVISION OF INTER'L SECURITY AFFAIRS AND DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY.

5. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES. TEAM WILL PAY OWN IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL COSTS.

SATURDAY-----7/9-----LV. U.S. FOR TOKYO
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MONDAY/TUESDAY----7/11-12--BRIEF EMBASSY
-----DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS
-----TOUR POWER REACTOR AND
-----OSAKA SITES

WEDNESDAY-----7/13-----LV. JAPAN FOR KOREA
THURSDAY/FRIDAY----7/14-15--DISCUSSIONS WITH ROK OFFICIALS

-----TOUR POWER REACTOR SITES
SATURDAY-----7/16-----LV. SEOUL FOR BANGKOK
MONDAY/TUESDAY----7/18-19-BRIEF EMBASSY
-----DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT OFFICIALS
-----TOUR OAP REACTOR SITE AT
-----BANGKHEN

WEDNESDAY-----7/20-----LV. FOR KUALA LUMPUR
THURSDAY/FRIDAY----7/21-22--BRIEF EMBASSY
-----DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM OFFICIALS
-----VISIT TUN ISMAIL ATOMIC
-----RESEARCH CENTER
SATURDAY-----7/23-----DEPART FOR U.S.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST FEASIBILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY SCHEDULE AND VISITS. TEAM WELCOMES EMBASSY PARTICIPATION ALL DISCUSSIONS AND ON-SITE VISITS. PLEASE ADVISE DESIGNATED EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER.

7. SINCE DISCUSSIONS MAY INCLUDE SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, EMBASSIES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT

ALL TEAM MEMBERS HOLD ERDA QUOTE Q UNQUOTE CLEARANCES.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY ASSIST TEAM WITH LOCAL TRAVEL AND SINGLE MODERATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ABOVE SCHEDULE.

9. FOLLOW-UP CABLE WILL DESIGNATE PARTICIPANTS AND WILL
CONTAIN AIRLINE INFO. CHRISTOPHER

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